



# NIH Research Grants

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# What is NIH?

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- ✓ World's largest supporter of biomedical, behavioral, & social science research and training.
  - FY 2001      \$20.3 billion
- ✓ 25 Institutes and Centers (ICs).
  - Categorical ICs: Organs and diseases
  - Non-categorical ICs
- ✓ Extramural and Intramural Research.



# Does NIH support social & behavioral research?

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- ✓ Almost all ICs fund behavioral and social research
  - \$1.78 billion in FY 2000 (estimate)
  - About 10% of NIH's total budget
- ✓ Office of Behavioral and Social Sciences Research



# How do I obtain funding?

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- ✓ Requests for Applications
- ✓ Program Announcements
- ✓ Investigator Initiated



# How do I obtain funding?

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## ✓ Funding Mechanisms

- Small Grants (R03)
- Academic Research Enhancement Award (AREA–R15)
- Regular Research Grants (R01)
- Fellowship & Career Awards (F's & K's)



# What resources are available?

## ✓ ◀ GO TO NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH HOME PAGE

- [www.nih.gov](http://www.nih.gov)

## ✓ OBSSR Home Page

- [obssr.od.nih.gov](http://obssr.od.nih.gov)

## ✓ Office of Extramural Research

- [grants.nih.gov/grants/oer.htm](http://grants.nih.gov/grants/oer.htm)

## ✓ Grant and Funding Opportunities

- [www.nih.gov/grants](http://www.nih.gov/grants)

## ✓ NIH Guide to Grants and Contracts

- [www.nih.gov/grants/guide/index.html](http://www.nih.gov/grants/guide/index.html)



# Resources

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- ✓ Center for Scientific Review
  - [www.csr.nih.gov](http://www.csr.nih.gov)
- ✓ CRISP: Search NIH-grants awarded
  - [www-commons.cit.nih.gov/crisp/](http://www-commons.cit.nih.gov/crisp/)
- ✓ Guide to preparing grant applications
  - [www.nci.nih.gov/scienceresources/grantfunding.html#prep](http://www.nci.nih.gov/scienceresources/grantfunding.html#prep)
- ✓ GrantsNet: DHHS & other Federal grant programs
  - [www.os.dhhs.gov/progorg/grantsnet/](http://www.os.dhhs.gov/progorg/grantsnet/)
- ✓ FundSource: Search tool for research funding in behavioral & social sciences.
  - [www.decadeofbehavior.org/fundsource/index.html](http://www.decadeofbehavior.org/fundsource/index.html)



# The Ultimate Resource

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## ✓ NIH Program Staff

- “We’re from the government and we are here to help you.”
- On-line directory
- Prospectus
- Pre- and post-award communication

## ✓ Ronald Abeles

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# Applying for a Grant

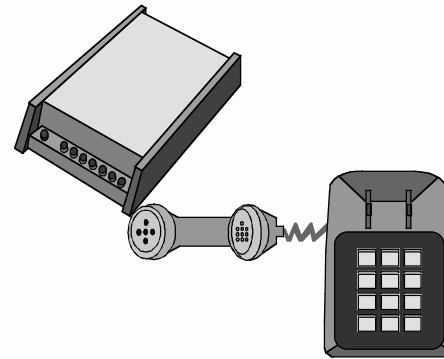
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- Before submitting
- Writing the application
- Submitting the application
- During the review
- After the review

# Before Submitting...

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- ✓ Obtain program information.
- ✓ Contact staff.
- ✓ Send a prospectus.
- ✓ Discuss with colleagues.



# Writing the application...

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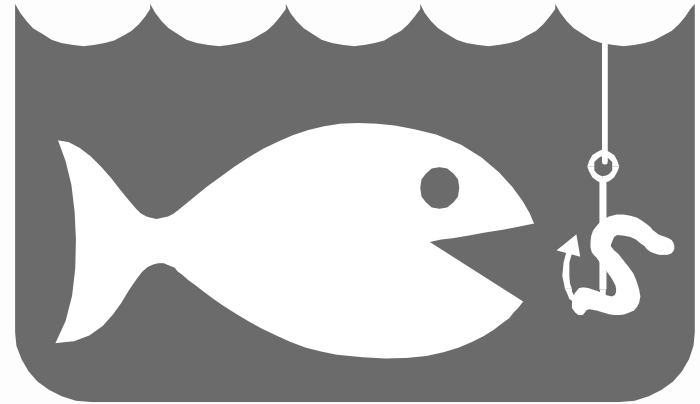
- ✓ Follow instructions.
- ✓ Be brief, concise, and clear.
- ✓ Be organized and logical.



# Writing the application...

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- ✓ Show what is new.
- ✓ Provide pilot data.
- ✓ Be complete.



# Address the Review Criteria

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- ✓ **Significance**
- ✓ **Approach**
- ✓ **Innovation**
- ✓ **Investigator**
- ✓ **Environment**



<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/not97-010.html>

# Submitting...

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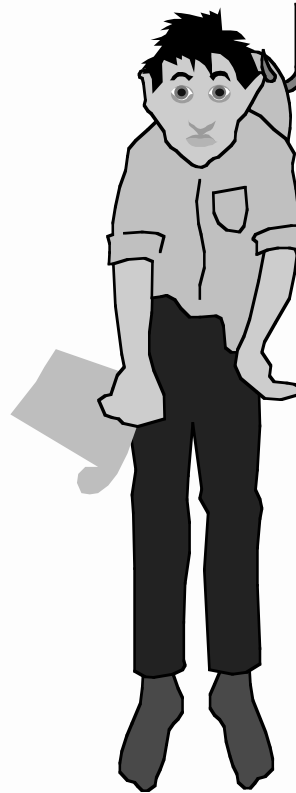
- ✓ Follow the instructions.
- ✓ Be on time.
- ✓ Request ICD & IRG.
  - Dual assignment?
- ✓ Other funding sources?



# During the review...

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- ✓ Hang in there!
- ✓ Don't contact reviewers...ever.



# After the review...

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- ✓ Contact program staff for results.
- ✓ Discuss with colleagues.
- ✓ Revise and resubmit?

